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2013 Kotzebue News Release # 5 KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from 6 p.m. Monday, July 15 until 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 16 in the Kotzebue District.

Ten permit holders caught 2,077 chum salmon during Sunday night's 8-hour opening. The catch was average for this date. Cumulative catch after four fishing periods is 7,340 chum salmon.

The commercial harvest this season is expected to be within the range of 225,000 to 250,000 chum salmon if market conditions can accept that level of harvest.

Permit holders must have a valid 2013 Kotzebue commercial salmon fishing permit, a valid government-issued picture identification and your boat must be registered with DMV. All other crewmembers must have a 2013 commercial crewmember license, or a 2013 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for the commercial crewmember license. Also, commercial fishing vessels must be in compliance with federal regulations. The United States Coast Guard will be making safety checks of commercial fishing vessels in Kotzebue Sound this fishing season.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.